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Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 98-23]

NPR, Inc. v. Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans; Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment

Notice is given that a complaint filed by NPR, Inc. ("Complainant") against Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans ("Respondent") was served November 27, 1998. Complainants allege that Respondents violated section 10(b)(11), (b)(12) and (d)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. secs. 1709(b)(11), (b)(12) and (d)(1), by forcing Complainant to make a multi-million dollar early termination payment for ceasing direct ocean common carrier service to the Port of New Orleans, while demanding no such early termination payment from other tenants seeking early termination of lease agreements.

This proceeding has been assigned to the office of Administrative Law Judges. Hearing in this matter, if any is held, shall commence within the time limitations prescribed in 46 CFR 502.61, and only after consideration has been given by the parties and the presiding officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution. The hearing shall include oral testimony and cross-examination in the discretion of the presiding officer only upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, depositions, or other documents or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record. Pursuant to the further terms of 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the presiding officer in this proceeding shall be issued by November 29, 1999, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by March 28, 2000.

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[Docket No. 98-22]

Trek Bicycle Corporation v. Classic Cargo International, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment

Notice is given that a complaint filed by Trek Bicycle Corporation ("Complainant") against Classic Cargo International, Inc. ("Respondent") was served November 25, 1998. Complainant alleges that Respondent violated sections 10(a)(1), (b)(16)(A) and (d)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. 1709(a)(1), (b)(16)(A) and (d)(1), by falsely representing transit time and by offering, soliciting, and routing complainant's property without consent of the shipper or consignee, thereby requiring replacement property to be air freighted.

This proceeding has been assigned to the office of Administrative Law Judges. Hearing in this matter, if any is held, shall commence within the time limitations prescribed in 46 CFR 502.61, and only after consideration has been given by the parties and the presiding officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution. The hearing shall include oral testimony and cross-examination in the discretion of the presiding officer only upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, depositions, or other documents or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record. Pursuant to the further terms of 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the presiding officer in this proceeding shall be issued by November 26, 1999, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by March 27, 2000.

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Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Charges for Certain Disclosures

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice regarding charges for certain disclosures.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission announces that the current ceiling on allowable charges under section 612(a) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) will remain unchanged for 1999. Under 1996 amendments to the FCRA, the Federal

Trade Commission is required to increase the \$8.00 amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) of section 612(a) on January 1 of each year, based proportionally on changes in the Consumer Price Index, with fractional charges rounded to the nearest fifty cents. The Consumer Price Index increased only 1.49 percent between September 1997, the date the FCRA amendments took effect, and September 1998. This increase is too small to trigger an increase in the \$8.00 figure given the requirement that the figure be rounded to the nearest \$0.50. The figure therefore remains at \$8.00.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fair Credit Reporting Act, originally enacted in 1970,¹ was extensively amended in 1996. Most of the amendments to the law, including the one discussed in this notice, went into effect on September 30, 1997. Section 612(a)(1)(A) states that, where a consumer reporting agency is permitted to impose a reasonable charge on a consumer for making a disclosure to the consumer pursuant to Section 609, the charge shall not exceed \$8 and shall be indicated to the consumer before making the disclosure. Section 612(a)(2) goes on to state that the Federal Trade Commission ("the Commission") shall increase the \$8.00 amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) of Section 612(a) on January 1 of each year, based proportionally on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), with fractional changes rounded to the nearest fifty cents.

The Commission considers the \$8 amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) of section 612(a) to be the baseline for the effective ceiling on reasonable charges dating from the time the amended FCRA took effect, i.e., September 30, 1997. In November of each year, the Commission calculates the proportional increase in the Consumer Price Index (using the most general CPI, which is for all urban consumers, all items) from September 1997 to September of the current year. The Commission then determines what modification, if any, from the original base of \$8 should be made effective on January 1 of each subsequent year, given the requirement that fractional changes be rounded to the nearest fifty cents.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 1681-1681u; Title VI of the Consumer Credit Protection Act.